

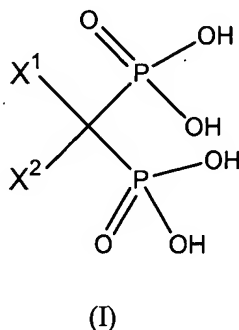
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A salt monosalt of substituted ~~or unsubstituted~~ methylene bisphosphonic acid of formula I



wherein X¹ and X² are ~~independently hydrogen or halogen~~ both chlorine or one of X¹ and X² is hydrogen and one is chlorine and the monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₆ straight or branched primary, secondary or tertiary alkyl amine salt, an aralkyl amine salt, and a basic N-containing heterocycle salt.

13-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 16~~ monosalt according to claim 12, wherein the salt monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a C₁₋₄ straight or branched primary, secondary or tertiary alkylamine salt, an aralkyl amine salt, and a basic N-containing heterocycle salt ~~or an alkali metal salt~~.

18. (Currently amended) A salt ~~as claimed in claim 17~~ monosalt according to claim 12,

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wherein the ~~salt~~ monosalt is selected from the group consisting of a triethylamine, tri-n-propylamine, diisopropylethylamine, tri-n-butylamine, pyridine, and tribenzylamine ~~or sodium salt~~.

19-23. (Canceled)